Minutes of the Meeting of the **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE** held at the Town Hall on **WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY 2013** at **2.15 p.m**.

Chairman: -

Councillor M. Whitwam Swanage Town Council

Present: -

Councillor M. Bonfield Swanage Town Council
Councillor Miss. C. Harris Swanage Town Council
Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick Swanage Town Council
Councillor W Trite Swanage Town Council

Also Present: -

Dr. M. Ayres Town Clerk

Mr G. Brookes Operations Manager
Mrs C Anstey Administration Assistant

Public Participation Time

There was one member of the public present.

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

• Traffic safety on Shore Road following the introduction of marked bays for Pay & Display parking.

1) Apologies

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs Bartlett, Poultney and Pratt and Mr I McKenzie (Purbeck Cycling Club).

2) <u>Matters arising from Minutes of the Meeting of the Transport Committee</u> held on 24th October 2012

Further to item 5)a) it was reported that a traffic order had now been passed by Dorset County Council to address the parking issues in Locarno Road.

Further to item 5)c) it was noted that yellow lines had now been marked on the road in Cow Lane, close to the junction of the High Street in order to deter cars parking in the vicinity.

3) <u>Matters arising from Minutes of the Meeting of the Transport Committee</u> held on 13th November 2012

Further to item 3) it was reported that a new parking management system for the Town Council's car parks was on order and would be installed in the near future.

4) Highway Matters

a) Enforcement of Camper Van Restrictions in Side Roads

Members considered a letter highlighting concerns regarding traffic control along Victoria Avenue and that the new pay & display enforcement along Shore may lead to camper vans parking on Victoria Avenue and in smaller side roads. It was noted that parking enforcement

comes under the jurisdiction of Dorset County Council. Following a brief discussion it was AGREED:-

That a letter be sent to Dorset County Council's Parking Services Department highlighting the concerns of the Town Council and local residents.

It was further AGREED:-

That a letter be sent to the correspondent advising him to contact the County's Parking Services Department with any future concerns over parking enforcement.

b) Signage for Ferry Information

Consideration was given to an e-mail highlighting concerns over a lack of information at times when Sandbanks Ferry services are disrupted due to tidal conditions. During the ensuing discussion it was noted that any disruptions to ferry services are signposted on the approach to the ferry and also advertised online and on local radio stations. It was agreed that sufficient warnings were already in place and that further signage would be unnecessary.

c) Request for Safer Exit onto Rempstone Road

Consideration was given to a petition from residents of Gilbert Road and Cranborne Road requesting that action be taken to provide a safer exit from the service road onto Rempstone Road. It was noted that Dorset County Council had recommended that the service road be made one way. However as it was in part privately owned this was felt to be unenforceable. Nevertheless the committee felt that this was the best solution to the problem and it was AGREED:-

That The Town Council send a letter to Dorset County Council Highways Department requesting that they write to the residents of Gilbert Road and Cranborne Road advising them to use the safer exit onto Ilminster Road.

5) Update on Durlston Bus Service

In the absence of a representative from Durlston Country Park there was nothing to report.

6) Introduction of Car Park Ticket Draw

Consideration was given to an e-mail highlighting a scheme which allows shoppers in Beaminster to enter their pay and display car park tickets into a draw for vouchers from local shops and whether it was a scheme that the Town Council could adopt. Following a brief discussion it was AGREED:-

That due to time constraints officers would be unable to commit to setting up a similar scheme, and that the correspondent be requested to approach Swanage & District Chamber of Trade & Commerce with a view to piloting the scheme.

7) Christmas Car Parking 2013

Consideration was given to a request from Swanage & District Chamber of Trade & Commerce that free parking in the Council's car parks be available from the 1st December to the 1st January to encourage shoppers to the town. It was AGREED:-

That free parking be offered in Broad Road and Main Beach car parks on each Saturday in December 2013 and that the Chamber of Trade be notified of the decision.

8) <u>Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas</u>

It was reported that at a recent Pubwatch meeting, concerns were raised in regard to night time taxi pick up points in the town. Local taxi drivers had highlighted the difficulties experienced in finding areas to park whilst waiting for fares. It was noted that the matter had been referred to P.A.C.T. (Partners and Communities Together) for discussion.

9) Date of next meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting had been scheduled for Wednesday 13th November 2013.

The meeting closed at 3.05 p.m.		